

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 3 1. A topstay for rowing or sculling boat riggers comprising:
 - 4 a. an elongated tubular member including an outer tubular member and an inner
 - 5 tubular member longitudinally aligned and telescopically connected together, said outer
 - 6 tubular member including a distal end and said inner tubular member having a proximal
 - 7 end;
 - 8 b. a rotating pin connector connected to said distal end of said outer tubular
 - 9 member located on said tubular housing, said pin connector capable of connecting to an
 - 10 oarlock pin on a rigger;
 - 11 c. means to fix said pin connector on said tubular housing; and,
 - 12 d. means for attaching said inner tubular member to a boat hull.
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 - 14 2. The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said means for attaching said inner tubular
 - 15 member is a pivot connector selectively attached to said proximal end of said inner tubular
 - 16 member and a base bracket, said base bracket including means for holding said pivot
 - 17 connector in a transverse orientation thereover allowing said pivot connector to rotate
 - 18 thereover.
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 - 20 3. The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said means to attach said pin connector to
 - 21 said outer tubular member is a diagonally aligned tubular housing formed on said outer
 - 22 tubular member and a bolt that extends through said tubular housing and connects to said
 - 23 pin connector to hold said pin connector on one end of said tubular housing.

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2 4. The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said means to attach said pin connector to
3 said topstay is a modified outer tubular member with an end opening, a end connector that
4 fits into said end opening, and two diagonally aligned spacers located over the outer
5 surface of said modified outer tubular member.

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7 5. The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said pin connector is aligned between 30 to
8 45 degrees on the end of said topstay.

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